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RE: *Container Properties, L.L.C. - RCRA Corrective Action*

Dear Mr. Iani:

On behalf of Container Properties, L.L.C., I want to thank you and your staff for taking time to meet with us to discuss how best to proceed at this difficult RCRA corrective action site. Rather than dwell on the difficulties of the past, I hope that we can focus on solutions for the future. We are presenting the enclosed plan for cleanup of the property in an attempt to meet our mutual goals of protecting the environment and putting property back to productive use.

Container Properties needs two things to make this work: a decision approving cleanup of the site, and a decision to offer a Prospective Purchaser Agreement to facilitate the sale of the property. Container Properties needs these decisions in the very near future, because the property has attracted potential buyers who will not wait for years of further study and analysis. One of these buyers is a power company that wants to build the additional electrical generating capacity this region so sorely needs. The other is a contractor for the federal government, which is seeking to relocate the regional headquarters of the Immigration & Naturalization Service. These are important uses of the site, and we hope that EPA will do everything possible under the law to help turn them into reality.

Our proposal has virtue for EPA too:

- It will achieve immediate cleanup of a site that has been bogged down in the regulatory process for many years.

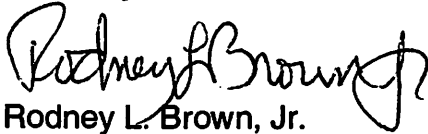
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- It will allow EPA to remove a site from the list of RCRA sites with "uncontrolled" releases to the environment.
- It will represent one of the first brownfield cleanups of a RCRA site anywhere in the country.

We appreciate your willingness to discuss all of this with us, and hope that we can find a mutually beneficial solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney L. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Rodney L. Brown, Jr.

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